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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I implore you and your department to please end this ongoing litigation against Microsoft and to finalize this settlement. This court-negotiated settlement meets the public interest and deserves to go forward.

The provisions and terms of this settlement agreement create a system of accountability and work to foster competition in the technology industry. Microsoft, by the settlement, is required to share its intellectual property with a competitor, if that competitor, by applying the terms of the settlement, infringes on Microsoft's intellectual property. In order to maintain accountability and compliance, Microsoft has also agreed to submit to a technical oversight committee that will review their business practices. Clearly this settlement is more than a slap on Microsoft's corporate wrists.

This process has gone on long enough and should end. Please let us implement this settlement, agree with the public interest and not waste anymore time or money.

Sincerely,

Richard Eckhardt